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Title POLYMER BLENDS

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 77]
2. ☐ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets]
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- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))
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no. 10/382,013 filed 3/5/03

12. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 10/382,013

Prior application information: Examiner Peter Szekely Group/Art Unit: 1714

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| CLAIMS | (1) FOR | (2) NUMBER FILED | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) RATE | (5) CALCULATIONS |
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| | TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | 67 - 20 = | 47 | X \$18 = | 846 |
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